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NEW COUPLES CLUB MEETS IN ORANGE COUNTY

The Orange County Couples Club met on Saturday, May 15th for a Pot Luck dinner at the Tustin home of Bob and Tom Murphy. About seven couples attended, many from Christ Chapel MCC in Orange County, but some members of the Mother Church drove out to share this agreeable evening with other family units. Ron and Vern had hosted the prior dinner meeting last month. We hope their new club will be a continuing success and that many fine friendships will result from these evenings.

- Al Correa

Go Home to God

READ LUKE 11:5-13

Bible Thought: ***"Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you"*** **(1 Peter 5:7).**

TOM was excited as he stuffed his bag with his favorite toys and a few unnecessary things like a toothbrush and the pajamas his mother insisted he take. He was going to spend the night with Joe, and they had great plans. After a rousing evening of play the two boys were persuaded to go to bed.

Late that night, Joe's mother heard a muffled sob coming from the boys' room. She found Tom with tearful eyes, and sobbing voice, "I need Mommy. I feel a lump stuck in my throat. I can't get it up and I can't get it down." She recognized acute homesickness and called Tom's mother. In a few minutes Tom was securely tucked in his own bed. The lump disappeared and he drifted off to sleep.

So it is with God's children. When we have problems "we can't get up and we can't get down," but we have a loving Father who can and will help us. Let us go to him as trusting children.

"If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden."

Hymn: "Trust and Obey."

Heavenly Father, help us to live our lives the way you want your children to live. Forgive us when we fail. Help us always to know that you love us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE LAW

Friday, June 4th at the University of California Irvine at 8:00PM. 3rd floor Commons Building. A Symposium on Homosexuality and the Law. It will be sponsered by the American Civil Liberty's Union of So. Calif. Orange County and the Social Ecology Department of the University and Christ Chapel, Orange County.

Thomisa Gunn, Chairman of A.C.L.U. will moderate this symposium. The speaker will be Dr. Martin Hoffman from San Francisco, author of "The Gay World", Professor Barry Dank, from California State Long Beach, Rev. Troy D. Perry, Pastor M.C.C., Attorney Robert H. Green, a leading Civil Liberties personage in Orange County, Dr. Richard Whalen, Psycho Biology from University of Calif. Irvine also hopeful in having Linda Tessier, who is a lesbian and active in Cal. State Fullerton gay life and liberties class.

This is an open invitation to everyone, so consider yourself invited to a very interesting evening.....

THRU THE KEYHOLE

FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

This Wednesday Rev. Perry will leave for Honolulu. He will be there for a week and will be preaching at the chartering service of our Hawaiian Mission next Sunday.

Rev. Perry will return to Los Angeles to a very busy month in June when besides the March to Sacramento and the Parade, he will be speaking to a Sociology class at Cal. State L.A.at the Forum on Homosexuality at the University of California at Irvine, at a meeting of the Severence Club in Hollywood, and to the Southwest Mental Health Center in Compton.

Of course, our Dear Pastor could not get through the month of June without conducting several wedding ceremonies. There are (so far) a total of seven weddings scheduled. They range from simple exchanges of "I do's" in his office at noon-time to more elaborate Saturday evening garden ceremonies.

In the meantime, Rev. Perry still will have many counselling appointments and will be seeing many of his flock.

THE VOICES OF JERUSALEM

The Voices of Jerusalem Gospel Singers blessed us with their wonderful singing to the praise of our Lord two weeks ago at our Sunday evening Service. These Sunday evening Services are growing in attendance that almost equals our 11:00am services

The Voices of Jerusalem, Gospel Singers was founded in 1962 under the direction of Charles Freeman. This wonderful young and vital group of singers travel all over the U.S.A. singing the praises of our Lord in a truly christian manner.

---Editor

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Your Church has such great needs and so little cash. We need the help of the Membership to perform work that would otherwise have to be handled by outside contractors. Did you take your vows of membership seriously when you joined the Church? If you did, we need you. If you're out of work and can't support us with your regular tithings this might be a convenient way for you to continue your support.

We have only one person to clean the Church on Saturday so it will be an immaculate representation of the habits of our people to non-members, or persons who are visiting us for the first time. It's not glamorous work -- bathrooms need cleaning, floors need vacuuming. (We even have to ask you to bring your own vacuum.)

The date is Saturday -- every Saturday! If you bring a pail to hold hot water and a heavy duty scrub brush you could help scrub the bird droppings off the exterior. Or bring a broom, a dustpan and a paper bag to sweep the sidewalk and curb free of cigarette butts.

If you bring a can of scouring powder and a sponge you could help us get the sinks and toilet bowls scoured. Be resourceful! Even though we need your help we don't always have enough supplies for everyone who wants to work, so if you come prepared you won't have to wait for someone to lead you by the hand.

- Al Correa

M.C.C. WEIGHT WATCHERS

Anyone interested in forming a weight-watchers group here at M.C.C.??

If you are interested or know how to conduct a weight-watchers group, contact Marie Woody in the Publications Office. LET'S GET GOING AND WATCH THOSE POUNDS COME OFF!!!!!

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thirty members of our congregation gathered together on Sunday, May 16th at a surprise birthday party for Choir Member Jerry Angus hosted by the Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Bill Thorne.

Many of the guests were choir members also, as well as Ralph & Jerry's many other friends. Blaine was all set to capture Jerry's look of surprise as he entered the room, but his flash camera failed...three times?

Wine punch was served, and various snacks. We were so pleased to see Evelyn and Selma there! Evelyn is an Ordained Minister and they are both members of the Couples Club, which Ralph & Jerry belong to also.

Gatherings like this give us all a good opportunity to get to know our fellow members better. The festivities might have gone on longer, but our busy host and several of the guests wanted to attend evening services. Deacon John Logan and his other half were also present.

- Al Correa

GAY WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

The Gay Women's West Coast Conference is coming soon, June 25,26,27, and will be held here in Los Angeles at MCC. This conference is sponsered by three women's groups:

Daughters of Bilitis
Gay Women's Service Center
Lesbian Feminists

There is a full schedule of events that will be published in a later issue. For information on this conference please contact D.O.B. Center, 1910 So. Vermont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90007
Phone: (213) 737-9159

As seen in a Washington, D.C. newspaper sent to the Editor. Ver-r-y interesting!

WOMEN WED EACH OTHER IN SOCIAL EVENT OF DECADE

BANGKOK---The Bangkok Post today described the recent marriage of a wealthy land owner and a young market vendor -- both women.

"Hundreds of people from miles around flocked" to the ceremony in the northern province of Kamphaengphet, the English language newspaper reported.

"It rapidly took on the proportions of the social event of the year, if not the decade."

The land owner had always dressed in men's clothing, the newspaper reported, and when she met the 24 year old vendor three years ago she decided not to reveal her true sex.

"The romance blossomed," the newspaper said, "but the secret finally came out three months ago."

To the land owner's delight, the newspaper said, the vendor decided it made no difference.

The mother of the "bride" asked for a dowry of $200 but the land owner increased it to $300 and threw in other valuables as well. The couple now lives in the home of the land owner.

THE BELIEVER

I told him that the Sun was green,
He said, I'm sure it's so.
I told him that the grass was pink,
He said, I'd guess you'd know.

I told him that he had three eyes,
He said, I'm sure you're right.
I told him that he had four legs,
He didn't try to fight.

I told him that there were two moons,
He sat as if to say,
I told him that there was no God,
And then he walked away.

DIARY OF A MAD SAN DIEGO GREETER

Let's face it: I'm not Carrie Snodgress (no snickers, please!). However, she's not the only one to be able to keep a wild diary. Here is mine for a mere few days in the big city....

MONDAY EVE: Dinner at the Curtain Call in the Music Center with fellow MCC folks, Larry Rodriguez and Ben Taylor, prior to meeting Howard Coburn to see COCO. This musical is dedicated to the age-old battle of personality over material and Kate wins easily.

TUESDAY EVE: Dinner at the Old Virginia with Jean Beauvais, Charlie Eckhart, Cliff Ferguson and Howard Coburn preceding a meeting of the Northeast Parish held in Alain Perrine's lovely new home in Pasadena. So nice seeing old friends again; people who take advantage of the many wonderful functions held by our Church. On to midnight cocktails with Deacon Tom Purcell and Don Hughes at their home in Mount Washington.

WEDNESDAY: Catching up on all the news with pal Kevin McCain and Mom Perry in the Church office and inspecting our beloved new building. Hey MCC! Where's the one amongst you who can donate good furniture for our main floor parlor? This is the first room a guest sees on entry to our Church. Let's show them how we do things!

Lunched at the Harvard House (an active supporter in our Church) with Reverend Perry, Steve Jordan and Mom Perry (an extra cheer right here for this fine lady who works so hard for us in our Church office).

Dinner with Tom and Don at their home and a rush back to Church for a truly wonderful, moving prayer meeting in the main sanctuary led by Deacon Purcell, Larry ReQua, Jim Mason and that sermon master, Dick Hetz. God's presence was felt by the many who attended this event. Did you ever attend any function where love was so evident? Many thanks to those who made a special effort to visit with me before and after services.

On to coffee with Liz Greco, Les Nudelman and Frank Beasley and, then, a good-will tour of the La Cienega area with our MCC building expert, Howard Coburn.

THURSDAY: A madder but wiser greeter returned exhaustedly to San Diego.

by Alan Davis

P.S. -- So when is my next trip?

TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY ...

Remember a couple of Sunday nights ago when the Celebration Singers from Temple Methodist Church down the street (our neighbors at 1575 West 14th Street, corner 16th and Union) came down and blessed us with their singing and good Christian attitude of loving thy neighbor? When they were here they invited us down to see their Church!

The invitation still stands, and from what I hear it is a real experience just to see their Church and to feel their warmth and the love that these fine people have to share. Ted & Jeff of Northeast Parish stopped by and were warmly welcomed. They really enjoyed the tour of that Church and suggest that you stop in and see them as well.

Show them that you care and are good neighbors and good Christians. We know they'd love to have you.

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Sign on Church: Drive Carefully! It is not just cars that can be recalled by their maker!

VISIT TO A PRAYER MEETING

Many of us who had been away from the church for some years, as we had, might have wondered about the Wednesday night Prayer Meetings but been reluctant to attend without knowing more about it. So, your MCC NEWS reporter visited the one held on Wednesday, May 12th, to give interested members an idea of what it's like.

Deacon Tom Purcell coordinated the efforts with all the poise and confidence of our own Pastor. Deacon Tom brings a lot of plain joy to the act of worship. He led us in a beautiful prayer ending with the words: "....We know, God, that each of our members and friends are being touched by your energy and vitality".

Jerry Bomjardner and Gary Wilson sang two really great duets, Gary accompanying on the piano. Hope they will treat the Congregation to a repeat on Sunday. Gary and Jerry are both active members. They worked at painting the church interior, they both sing in the Chancel Choir and Gary sings in the Gospel Choir as well.

The sermon was a rare treat; Rev. Dick Hetz preached on Christian Behavior. Reading from the letters of Paul to Timothy he quoted one touching line from Paul's letter asking Timothy to come to him, for Demas, his friend, had left him "....in love with the world he lives in".

My early Christian teaching treated all biblical characters with such extreme reverence that the Disciples started by intimidating me and ended by boring me. But as Rev. Hetz spoke in his casual manner about Demas and Paul and Luke, they suddenly came to life in my imagination as people who really lived, felt happiness, sorrow, loyalty, disappointment and jealousy. Demas, about whom little is written, became an interesting personality. Was he young and popular? Did he become distracted with the attention and the dazzle of those around him, finally forgetting his older friend? As Rev. Hetz observed "....tinsel and glory crowds out the room for God's ennobling presence". so, it can also be said to sometimes effectively crowd out the room for lovers and friends, too. I don't know if ministers ever repeat themselves, but if Rev. Hetz has this sermon again I'll ask him to let us know so you can enjoy it.

Deputy Deacon Larry ReQua and Jim Mason also took a part in the service.

I must say that it was perticularly touching to see almost the entire Usher Committee out for this special service. One of them, Bob, will become a Member in June. Two others became Members in May and went right to work at being active members.

We had a chance to greet our friends after the service. Former Social Director Alan Davis came up from San Diego to be with us. A good representation of girls attended.

One final note: You might enjoy this type of service more if you have your Bible with you so you can follow the passages in your own book and re-read anything that doesn't seem clear. The NEW ENGLISH BIBLE (Blue cover, $7.95) is a clear translation but I particularly liked Rev. Hetz' Bible which he told me was the TRANSLATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT by J. D. Phillips (available at Pickwick Bookshop for $5.95 hardcover and $1.45 paperback). His version will seem more appealing for our church. His prose also flows a little more colorfully than the NEW ENGLISH, but they're both good to have.

See you next Wednesday!

- Al Correa

THE LONG MARCH...
SAN FRANCISCO TO SACRAMENTO

This past Sunday our Pastor said, "The time has come for all of us to show our colors!!"

We can no longer stand by and expect others to give us our rights as citizens. If we want to be accepted as equals with the rest of the world we are going to have to start doing something about it ourselves. We can no longer stand idly by and let ourselves be persecuted for being homosexuals. If we do, we are locking ourselves in our own prison. What can we do? As a start you can get everyone you know to write his assemblyman to vote for the BROWN BILL. When this passes it is only a beginning not an end.

At the same time that you tell your friends to write, tell them all to be with us in Sacramento on Friday morning, June 25 as a visible sign to the State Legislators that we care, and we DEMAND our RIGHTS as Citizens of this State to LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS!!

Do you care enough about yourself to stand up and be counted? Maybe you have a job with a Security Clearance and you are afraid to be seen. Well, we have an answer for you too. We are going to have a whole section of masked people who will be asking for equality so they can live openly and freely without masks or fear. We want everyone, straight or Gay to be there. THIS EFFECTS US ALL!!!

For those of you who are in excellent physical condition we invite you to join us as we march from San Francisco to Sacramento to demonstrate our determination to have our freedom. The march will take one week and will end with a large Peaceful demonstration in Sacramento when we meet our brothers and sisters there in a combined show of strength and unity on June 25th.

rope

METROPOLITAN PLAYERS

The Metropolitan Players of MCC are presenting "ROPE," an exciting and dramatic suspense play concerning two boys who commit murder for the thrill of it. How they are found out and arrested by Rupert, a mutual friend, makes a thrilling and entertaining evening.

The play will be presented on two nights, July 9th and 10th, in our Church's "Little Theater." Curtain time will be 8:15.

LYLE PAGE, head of our Little Theater Group, will again direct. The cast for "ROPE" will be:

WYNDHAM BRANDON	DAN TERRELL
CHARLES GRANILLO	HENRI VILLEG
SABOT	HERB FRANKLIN
KENNETH RAGLAN	DALE HOLLAND
LEILA ARDEN	JOAN LEWIS
MR. JOHN KENTLY	CARL YORK SCHMIDT
MRS. DEBENHAM	JUNE HENALE

with

GENO VEZINO as RUPERT CADELL. Gino was superb as MRS. TIFFANY in "Fashion" and as RUPERT, in "ROPE," will show his real talents as an actor.

Any one interested in working on committees for this play can contact Lyle at 886-7896.

"ROPE" is a must for your Social Calendar. Don't forget it.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE?

The following article is a reprint of a story first published in the Automotive Independent in March, 1969. With the insurance company-generated problems in our community throughout the country, this piece seems appropriate. - Editor

Throughout the recent Senate hearings into abuses in the automotive repair industry, national media vied with one another in condemning auto repair shops, their owners and auto mechanics in general. For the most part however, they seemed to have little to say about that aspect of the hearings which touched on the role played by the insurance companies.

Allstate Insurance Companies (a subsidiary of Sears) came under the particular fire of Senator Hart (D-Michigan) who said, "Frankly, I was appalled on reading the claim adjusters' manual for one of the largest underwriters (Allstate) to learn of the factors involved in settling a claim".

As reported in the National Enquirer, a national weekly newspaper, the privately circulated Allstate adjusters' manual tells the adjusters that the legal strength of a claim need not be the controlling factor in whether Allstate pays the claim quickly or not.

"The issue can be decided in some cases," says the paper, "simply on the physical appearance of a person and the charm, or lack of it, about his behavior. The agent is urged to evaluate these things before making up his mind whether Allstate should pay off on the spot, or drag the case into perhaps years or months later. Ugly, pimpled, cross-eyed people are to be offered lower settlement sums.

"Ugly people tend to wind up in court. Juries are less likely to make large awards to ugly people, Allstate feels".

In the adjuster's workbook, Allstate adjusters are told to "Soften up the claimant. Present liability aspects of the case unfavorable to the claimant and favorable to the insured. If settlement offer is not accepted, register suprise, etc."

The workbook lists mannerism and physical attributes which agents are urged to note and consider prior to making quick settlements or making a decision to place case before a jury. Some of these are knuckle-cracking, lip-smacking, hair in nostrils, teeth clicking, cocked eyes, habitual scratching, loud laughing.

It is noteworth that national media generally do not seem to have reported the scolding of Allstate and other insurance companies by the Hart Committee. Some observers feel that it may be because Sears and Allstate spend too many advertising dollars.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS

Terry Chaffin and Bob Dunne were accepted as Members of our Church on May 2, 1971. Deciding to take their membership vows seriously, these two young men can be seen each Sunday, combed and well-groomed, helping on the Usher Committee. Another new Usher, Bob, will become a Member on June 6th. Bless you all for helping on this important and necessary Committee.

Mark, a wise 5 year old, was told the world looks different to him than it does to a color-blind friend. He then promptly ask: "Well, which way is it, the way I see it or the way he does?"

PSALMS 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
We will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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When someone's hand is reaching out for help, why must there be among us those that say, "I don't know you and I cannot help you."
Why must we wait until we know someone in order to help them when they are in need of our help.
Where would all of us be today if this had been the statement of our *Lord Jesus Christ.*
Where would we be if *He* had not listened to all our crys for help and helped us in our time of need. I thank God there are those of us who do care about our sisters and brothers when they cry out, and that we do listen and try to do as our LORD would have us do; following in his footsteps and letting him guide us along the way to becoming truly our brother's keeper

I would like to quote a poem I found from one of the books I have:

HOW LOVELY

by Marjorie Cunningham

How lovely are the hands that help another,
Be he a stranger, foe, a friend, sister or brother.
How lovely are the feet that bring good news,
It matters not, in rich or shabby shoes.

How lovely are the lips that say kind things,
Their healing is as swift as angel's wings.
How lovely are the eyes of young or old,
Whose depths reflect the beauty of the soul.

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How will we ever find and make friends if we are not willing to help a stranger, be it a sister or a brother, when in need or even those we should just chance to meet.

Have you forgotten the words of Jesus saying, *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."*
St. John 13:34

-Kathy Laine

"LIFE" AT MCC SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday morning services on May 16th were distinguished by the presence of two reporters from LIFE magazine visiting and photographing our service. Our own Willie Smith was obviously feeling poorly -- he admitted to having a cold -- but loyally made every attempt to conduct the singspiration with his usual ebullience. The Choir sang "Be Still My Soul" from the balcony in the smaller auditorium -- they get such a beautiful effect from there that it creates a reverent mood for the rest of the service. I was impressed and pleased at how many Choir members chose to appear on this particular day with the cameras of an international magazine upon them. It took courage and commitment and I was proud of them.

Rev. Hose welcomed us, gave some current news, announced that next Sunday (today) Rev. Louis Loynes will be in Dallas chartering our mission there. Rev. Hose told of his recent trip to Denver, and noted that our Pastor will be chartering the Honolulu Mission around the end of May. Rev. Hose then gave some news of San Diego.

Rev. Lou Loynes read the Gospel, followed by Rev. Ploen, who led us in such a beautiful prayer that I wished I could take shorthand so I could repeat it now. All I can recall are the words: "Forgive us for willful inequities. May morning come with such refreshing joy the night will be forgotten."

Our Guest of Honor this morning was Rev. Arthur Green, Pastor of Good Shepard Parish Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago. He announced that Good Shepard was one year old last Sunday (May 9th). He said the Chicago Church had grown and prospered. Moreover, as MCC has grown, things have gotten better for Chicago. Rev. Green was the keynote speaker at last year's convention. He's the sort of unusual personality that makes me want to stop and examine his thoughts and ideas. Would have liked to spend a few quiet minutes talking to him privately, but of course there were so many demands upon his time that it wasn't possible.

Rev. Perry then reviewed the various coming activities. June 19th the March to Sacramento commences; I believe he said the March into Sacramento would be on June 25th. Rev. John Hose is also leading a large contingent of Members and Friends on this non-violent demonstration. The Christopher Street-West Parade, our annual event, will take place on June 27th, so it looks like an eventful Summer.

Our Pastor then gave us a sermon structured principally on the conclusion that sometimes you have to persuade individuals by leaving them alone. (A close friend told me after services that he uses our Pastor's method to handle his own spouse, who frequently does not want to attend Church.)

Exhorter Lee Spangenberg sang a solo number.

We must have broken all prior speed records during Communion. Four Ministers served Communion (Rev. Green, Rev. Ploen, Rev. Loynes and our Pastor), so it was over very rapidly. This gave us more time to meet visitors downstairs at coffee after services. (Wish we could have a cup before services, too!)

See you next Sunday!

- Al Correa

Our Church in Action

FRIDAY NIGHT AT A WORKING CHURCH

Our Church building was certainly buzzing with activity on Friday, May 14th. Donn and I arrived at 8:00 p.m. and met Howard Coburn at the front door. "Every floor is occupied with some function tonight," he told us. "The Church is full!"

The Drawing Room was the scene of the Seventh Meeting of the Couples Club. Thirty-four men and women were present.

Downstairs, in the Social Hall, the Long Beach Parish and their Deacon, Karen Gregg, were hosting a spaghetti dinner and party for about forty hungry Christians. Upstairs in the Publications Office Editor Connie Vaughn & Pat, Patti & Marie, Spider & Quinn, Don Hughes and Tom Purcell were feverishly making preparations to print and assemble the Sunday issue of the MCC NEWS.

In the Personal Services area the great people connected with C.I.C. were staffing the Hotline, exemplifying a truly Christian concern for their fellow man.

A dance was in progress in the smaller auditorium, music and voices filling the air, while from the upstairs offices at the other end of the building came the determined sound of Herb Pomeroy typing steadily away, trying to complete the never-ending (and ever-increasing) flow of work. In a storage room upstairs two men were attempting to assemble or repair a large light fixture.

Do you ever feel foolishly sentimental over an inanimate object? That's how I felt about our Church building that evening as I thought of the dynamic mixture of industrious activity, serious concern, fun and fellowship taking place under its roof.

As the years before us pass and the Metropolitan Denomination becomes solidly established, there will inevitably be a larger Church; one that will have a better work-flow, good ventilation, and possibly richer appointments. But wherever God leads us, this first historical piece of real estate will always have a special place in our hearts.

- Al Correa

LONG BEACH PARISH

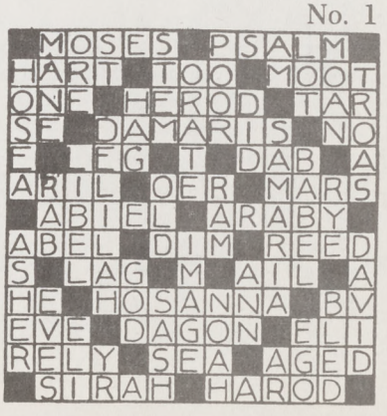
The Long Beach Parish would like to announce that the pot-luck dinner was a success. The dinner was held in the Social Hall downstairs in the Mother Church in Los Angeles. We also had a bible study class on May 19 which was held at Steve's house.

On May 26, at 8:00pm there will be a debate group on pros and cons on gay protest at the home of Jean & Marshas, 1134 Pacific Ave. Apt #1 Long Beach.

For information call Steve at 432-4295 or Jean & Marsha at 437-2191. Everyone is welcome, so please come and see if you like our Parish. See you there.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

No. 1



CAMP! CAMP! CAMP!

This is the full text of a letter received from L.A. Gay Lib. Read on, and don't miss this program... it's bound to be the funniest thing ever done!

Dear Concerned Citizen:

Society is becoming increasingly aware of the fact that a considerable number of Americans are ***HETEROSEXUAL!*** Estimates of the total run into the millions.

These people cannot be identified by their appearance...they often look the same as any normal homosexual. In other words, the stereotype of the super butch male or the dainty female, often taken to be dead giveaways of heterosexual deviancy, do not always hold true. The gentlest police officer or the most forceful secretary may simply have learned to conceal heterosexual tendencies.

One thing is certain. We need to learn more about heterosexuals...to better understand them and the special problems they face. Is heterosexuality really an illness? If so, why do so few wish to be cured? Is there such a thing as a "happy heterosexual"? To answer these questions and many more, openly and with tolerance...

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EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT *HETEROSEXUALITY

*But Were Afraid to Ask!

Monday, May 24, 8:00 - KPFK (90.7 FM)

Featuring Guest Panelists

MISS GINNY GRAHAMCRACKERS. Well-known and beloved hostess of America's favorite daytime TV talk show. Famous as an arbiter of good taste, Miss Grahamcrackers will divulge the real stories behind some of the notorious scandals involving heterosexuals in Hollywood, long recognized as a mecca for heterosexuals. As for her personal acquaintances, she has nothing but praise. "I've even had hets in my own home at times," she states with pride, "and they've never stolen nothing. What they do in the privacy of their bedrooms is their own affair. It doesn't bother me. Of course, you have to keep your eye on them when there are children around."

THE REV. DR. CARL MACIMTIRED. Dr. MacImtired will present the traditional Christian viewpoint that heterosexuality is sinful, perverted, degenerate and Communist inspired. A cultured and refined Southern gentleman, he offers heterosexuals his prayers and solicitous counsel.

DR. DAVID REUBENOFF. Respected psychiatrist and best selling author. Dr. Reubenoff is considered an expert on the subject of heterosexuality, having conducted experiments to determine the root causes of their abnormal behaviour. "Heterosexuality can be treated as can any other illness," he assures. "With the development of modern and scientific methods, including paralyzing drugs, shock treatments, castration and lobotomies, we are able to arrest the condition." A humane and dedicated scientist, he appears through the courtesy of his publishers and urges all who would be better informed to buy his book (available at better book stores everywhere).

"MR. & MRS. X." These two admitted hets, who consider themselves "married," have courageously consented to discuss their problem with our other guests. They will give us an insight about what two persons of the opposite sex do together in bed,

why heterosexuals have difficulties in establishing lasting relationships, and how they might react if they discovered their child to be a heterosexual. For obvious reasons, the true identities of "Mr. & Mrs. X" will not be revealed.
The pre-taping of "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Heterosexuality, But Were Afraid to Ask!" has been completed, and we're well pleased with the results. So we are urging all of our friends to please join Ginny Grahamcrackers *(Gino Vezina)*, the Rev. Dr. Carl MacImtired *(Morris Kight)*, Dr. David Reubenoff *(Steve Morrison)*, "Mr. X" *(Gino Vezina again)*, "Mrs. X" *(June Herrle)*, Joe Hansen as our announcer and myself as your host, by tuning to:

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Sincerely,

Howard A. Fox
Producer

Bonnie Vaughn, Editor
MCC News

We'd like to draw attention to the Wednesday night prayer meetings and some of the exciting preaching one can hear. Nothing covered with cobwebs and cliches, but messages that are relevant, gutsy and inspirational.

A good example was the preaching on Wednesday 19th by Thom Jones. The topic was "Love" and Thom covered a lot of ground with it. It was preaching that caused the listener "to think" while it reaffirmed individual worth and the power for good each of us has within - - if we would only use it.

It's the sort of preaching that comes from the heart, makes sense and can be applied to our daily lives. We only wish Thom's message could have been shared with the entire MCC community.

Tim Kelly
Roland Bibolet

The Rev. George Hall offered a little prayer the other day while planting his garden. "Lord," he said, "help me not to plant more than I can care for."

"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES..."

"ACADEMY STARTS NEW CLASSES"

May 30th the next session of classes will begin for The Academy...

Rev. Richard Ploen, Minister of Christian Education, announced that the classes will be entitled: "What The Bible says About Homosexuality" and"Old Testament Introduction." Rev. Ken Jones will teach the class on "What The Bible Says", and Rev. Ploen will teach the class on"Old Testament Introduction."

Classes will be held for 10 weeks on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. One Unit of credit will be granted upon the successful completion of the course.

Rev. Ploen said plans were underway to add classes on Church Drama, Psychology and one of the New Testament letters, perhaps I & II Corinthians.

Anyone interested in registering for the next session should contact Rev. Ploen, or the Church School secretary. Registration fee is $1.00.

HOLLYWOOD PARISH MEETING

From the looks of our May 18 meeting, Hollywood Parish is taking on the early image of the Mother Church with their meetings-on-wheels. (By having the bi-monthly meetings at a different home each time, everyone gets a chance to show off their home and stay at home for a parish meeting.) This one was held at the new North Hollywood home of Tony DuBois, a first-timer in Hollywood Parish.

Our roving missionary, Rev. Ron Hayes, gave a slide talk on his work in Peru. Included were shots of the many close friends he made during several years of teaching villagers.

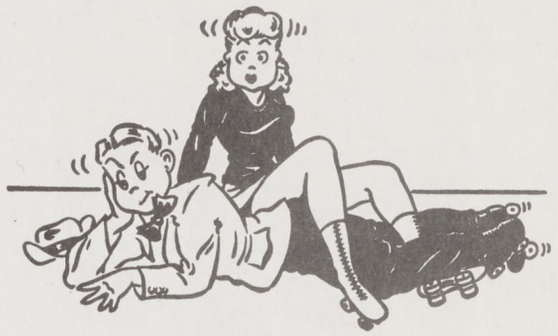
Deacon Bill Thorne gave a rundown on the march on Sacramento. He requested that a mob meet the marchers in the Capitol on the morning of June 25. Charter flights are being arranged at reduced rates.

Bigger news was that a committee from MCC has been developing a spectacular entry in the Christopher Street West Parade and needs money and help to get it together. Besides requesting donations from MCC members, letters are being sent to major "establishments" in Southern California asking for tax-deductable contributions.

As the first step in Hollywood Parish's missionary work in "business establishments", we have printed 3000 phony Confederate bills. Their reverse sides are printed with an invitation to find true love in Christ and His church, MCC. A similar flyer will be printed in larger quantities to distribute during the CSW parade.

Pot Luck: An exhibit in a school science fair, entered by a second-grader, consisted of a red flower pot, scrubbed clean and filled with rich-looking soil. Attached to it was a painfully printed explanation: "Some seeds don't grow." -Dean G. Lawrence
(May 1971 Readers Digest)

Wife to husband: "While you're searching for your identity, may I remind you of mine?"



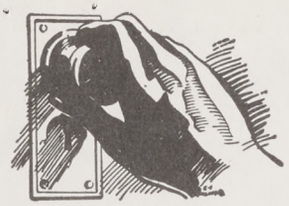
Everyone who has attended MCC for very long knows of the Chancel Choir's famous skating parties. Here is another place you will find a helping hand (If you should fall).

The big night is June 7th at Hollywood Roller Rink.

Sorry people, we do have to have advance sales in keeping with contract agreements. No Tickets are sold at the rink. So the last day to purchase tickets is June 6th which is the Sunday before the party. There are tickets at the Church office and people will have a booth before church and after.

The choir is really proud to have Lori Bailey (a great trumpeter) in the choir and singing with the 2nd Tenors. O.K. GIRLS, it's up to you at least some of you are coming forward and singing for the praise of God. Your Chancel Choir needs you why not join in the fun.

M. Dale Holland
President
Chancel Choir



DOES THE DEACON'S FUND AND THE DEACON'S CLOSET REALLY DO ANYTHING?????????

Many people in the church often ask this question because we don't publicize what we do. Many wonder what happens to the food and money that they give to the Deacons. First of all let me make one thing clear, we never divulge the names of anyone who we give aid to. We don't feel that the individual should have to go throught the embarrassment of having everyone know that he is in need. Secondly, we always do everything possible to help in every case to the extent our budget allows. We are naturally restricted to the budget that you as members of the church give us in your donations. We have four basic areas of aid that we provide. 1., we provide emergency housing for those that have no place to live. Whenever possible we place the person in a private home for one or two days. If we are unable to to this we place the person in a hotel and we pay the bill. In an average month we provide emergency housing for about 25 to 35 persons. 2. We provide emergency food for those that are hungry. We don't ask them how hungry! This aid takes form of either groceries in the case of those that have facilities to cook, or money to pay for a meal for those that do not have a place to cook. In this time of unemployment the number of people in this category are almost to numerous to count but it runs in the neighborhood of 12 to 15 persons per week. 3. The third area is out right cash allotments. These are given for a number of different things ranging from bus fare and gas money for those in need so they can go to a job appointment to a meal for someone who has not eaten. 4. The fourth area is clothing. We have many people who come in to this city and have their suitcases stollen or who in desperation have left home to seek a chance for life in our area. Many need everything from a tooth brush and razor to shoes and a decent set of clothes so they can get a job.
In every case the person has a very real need. The person is interviewed and we determine what we can do for him. We also set up appointments for him to get professional counselling if it is needed and try to help him find a new life with a future so that he can be productive and self sufficient. It is truly heart warming to see someone who came to us in need and many times friendless on his feet and happy again. There is only on e problem. We never seem to have enough to do the job we should. We make every dollar and every canned good stretch as far as possible, but we can only go so far. The aid we give is not a loan. It is a gift. There are no strings attached. Some come back to us and repay the help they were given in their time of need so that we can help others but not enough to replenish our needs. Everyday more and more people come to us for help. Are we to turn them away? We need your support now and every month so that this important Christian work can continue. Won't you help us help our fellow man?

Deacon Bill Thorne

SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY

Reverend Ploen has expressed a need for good religious books for our Seminary Library to help our wonderful and dedicated people studying to do the work of our Lord for MCC.

Our Church Calendar

MONDAY, MAY 24th	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	GROUP THERAPY CHURCH BLDG.
	8:00 P.M.	EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HETEROSEXUALITY (Check artical in paper for all particulars)
TUESDAY, MAY 25th	7:30 P.M.	NORTHEAST PARISH (Call 684-1792 for information)
	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYER REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page Phone 886-7896
	7:30 P.M.	CENTERAL PARISH AT THE HOME OF DEACON JOHN LOGAN
	8:00 P.M.	VALLEY PARISH MEETING AT BOB BAKER'S 5348 ALLOT AVENUE, VAN NUYS. PHONE 789-2966 FOR DIRECTIONS.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING MAIN SANCTUARY, CHURCH BLDG.
	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYER REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page Phone 886-7896
	8:00 P.M.	LONG BEACH PARISH Debate Group on Gay Protest 1134 Pacific Ave. Apt. 1 Long Beach, Phone 437-2191
	8:00 P.M.	COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAF CLASS Instructor: Dale Dyal 1243 No. Virgil Apt. 9 Hollywood, Phone 664-1246

THURSDAY, MAY 27th	7:00 P.M.	MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA In Church Parlor
	7:00 P.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
FRIDAY, MAY 28th	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Loft
	7:30 P.M.	YOUTH GROUP MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 29th	HAY!!	THIS DAY NEEDS SOME ACTIVITY
SUNDAY, MAY 30th	9:00 A.M.	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 A.M.	THE ACADEMY: "Life of Christ" "Ethical Problems"
	10:30 A.M.	SINGSPERATION
	10:30 A.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:45 A.M.	SUNDAY SCHOOL - SEMINARY CLASS ROOM Steve Jordan - Teacher
	11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	1:30 P.M.	DEACONS LUNCHEON BUFFETT Social Hall following Church Service
	2:00 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYER REHEARSAL In Church Parlor

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Don's attorney not only accepted those findings without a murmur, but he failed to file an appeal within the prescribed time limit and even neglected to notify Don that the case had been decided against him!

Only sheer good luck and the last-minute intervention of another attorney kept Don from having to board a plane headed on a one-way flight to Quebec. (They even had the tickets ready for him.) When Don found out what had happened, he fired his former lawyer and engaged the services of an attorney who has continued to put forth a massive amount of well-directed talent. This attorney's first step was to have the deportation process itself halted, with literally only a matter of hours to spare. Next came the appeal procedures.

To counteract the highly damaging opinion of the Public Health Service psychiatrist who certified Don as a psychopath, the defense introduced evidence from two experts in this field. Prof. Barry M. Dank of California State College at Long Beach, on the basis of a lengthy interview with Don, determined that he was definitely not a homosexual on the date of entry into this country. Also of great significance has been a psychiatric finding by Isidore Ziferstein, M.D., whose credentials include being associate clinical professor of psychiatry at UCLA. Dr. Ziferstein asked Don to subject himself to a battery of psychological tests. Using these test results in conjunction with an extensive clinical examination, the doctor's findings indicated that "... any conclusion that Mr. Cail was homosexual when he entered this country at age 17 is totally unwarranted. Furthermore, a study of Mr. Cail's personality by psychological testing and psychiatric interviewing, shows no evidence that would warrant classifying him as a psychopathic personality."

That is the sum and substance of the defense strategy in this case. It has gone as far as Washington, D.C., where the Board of Immigration Appeals ruled recently that the matter is to be reopened and a new hearing scheduled. This amounts to starting all over again.

When another hearing date is set, the battle will be joined once again. If by any chance the decision by local authorities goes against Don a second time, another appeal will be entered. The American Civil Liberties Union says they will join in the case if such appeal action becomes necessary, because they feel that substantial issues of constitutional law are at stake.

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IMMIGRATION BATTLE

Canadian not good enough for U.S.?

by JOE COLTRANE

Don Cail is a Canadian who has been attempting for the past four years to become a United States citizen. Rather than granting his request, however, the U.S. Immigration Service has attempted to deport him to Canada. To understand what has happened, and why, let's turn the clock back to 1958.

At the age of 17, Don had been to high school, left home, and then drifted around Toronto for a while. He wasn't satisfied with life in Canada; eventually he decided to find his fortune somewhere south of the border. In September 1958, he entered this country on a permanent visa.

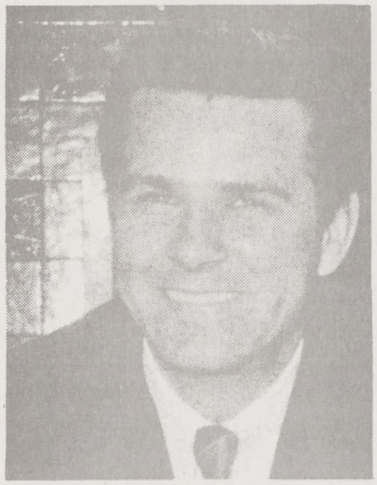
More drifting. Don was trying to find a place where he could settle down. His family had moved to a small town near Boston, but he wasn't happy there. After long months of searching, he finally made up his mind that Southern California offered him the best opportunities.

He's been living in and around Los Angeles for over 10 years now, has been gainfully employed during that time, and has tried to live in a respectable and honest manner. Don has never committed any serious crimes, but he was unlucky enough to become involved in a vice raid against a gay bar early in 1966.

This was a typical case of harassment. No laws were being broken. Just a bunch of kids drinking beer and playing pool. Nobody was doing anything out of line. Don was standing alone against the wall, waiting for his turn at the pool table. I was there, too.

In came the cops, and out went their victims: 12 unlucky guys who happened to be picked out for no particular reason by the vice cops. Don was one of the 12.

He was charged with "lewd and immoral conduct," later reduced to "disturbing the peace"—a misdemeanor. He paid a stiff fine and was required to serve a 90-day probation.



DON CAIL

Applied for Citizenship

About a year later, Don decided to apply for U.S. citizenship. He had no trouble passing his examination, and was waiting to be called downtown for swearing-in ceremonies. Instead, he was informed (after a long delay) that the Immigration and Naturalization Service was taking steps to have him deported. They had somehow learned about his arrest record, and although he was technically not convicted of a morals offense, had concluded from the circumstances that he was a homosexual.

There is a provision in the law which excludes from entry into the U.S. any alien with "a psychopathic personality." In the conventional sense, a psychopath is a person who is mentally ill or unstable; an individual with such a personality is defined as one who behaves in an amoral or antisocial manner and who lacks the ability to love or establish meaningful personal relationships.

But the U.S. government has another definition. Immigration officials believe that anyone who is a homosexual is automatically a psychopath. On those grounds, they started deportation proceedings against Don in 1967—and to this day they're still trying to get rid of him.

Don is a good-looking young man, barely 30 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, with wavy, dark brown hair and eyes a deep blue. He has a friendly and fun-loving disposition, likes to dance, play poker, and have a good time with his friends. As an active member of Metropolitan Community Church, he has devoted some of his talents to singing in the Gospel Choir. He wants nothing more than to be allowed to live in peace. Don is strong physically, but the mental strain of all that he's gone through during the past few years has practically turned him into a nervous wreck.

There is no doubt that the issues involved in the proceedings against him could be of landmark proportions if judicial appeals to the higher courts are eventually required.

Basic Question

The whole issue hinges on a single basic question: Was Don in fact a homosexual at the age of 17 when he immigrated to the U.S.? It makes no difference legally what his present sexual orientation may be.

Immigration tried to prove that he was in fact a homosexual, and the Public Health Service issued a certificate to that effect based on a cursory examination lasting about 20 minutes, at which I was present.

Don's original defense attorney was a real dud. He let the government lawyers have a field day during the various hearings which were conducted. As a result, the hearing officer issued an order for Don to be deported on the grounds that he was a Class "A" psychopath in the opinion of the government's own psychiatrist.

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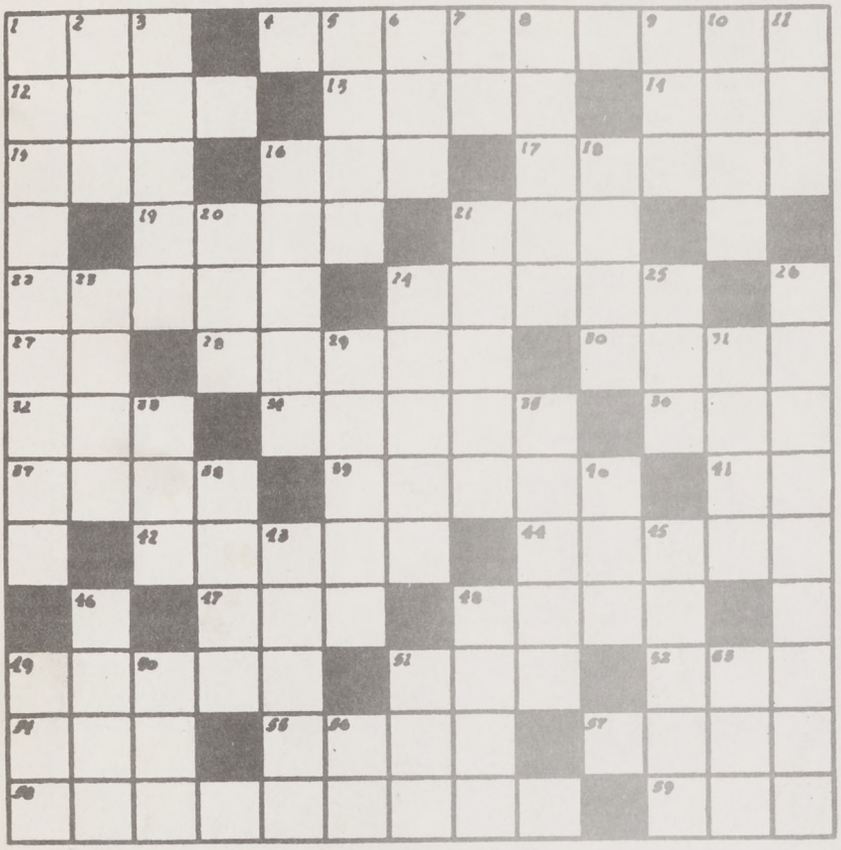


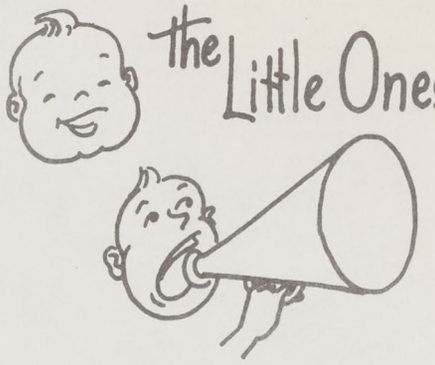
Number 2

HORIZONTAL — No. 2

1 Second son of Noah
4 King who reigned from India to Ethiopia
12 Son of Isaac
13 Son of Shobal
14 Material mined
15 Hang down
16 An insect; there was a plague (the fourth) of them, in Egypt
17 Country of the Medes
19 Comply. (I Sam. 15 : 22)
21 Hock
22 Ardent
24 Prophet who foretold the ruin of Nineveh
27 Islands lying between North and South America
28 Go in. (Ps. 100 : 4)
30 One-third of an ephah; about 1.4 peck
32 Wear away
34 The underworld
36 Five hundred, six
37 Where Hagar fled. (Gen. 16 : 7)
39 Serpent: sacred emblem on Egyptian monuments
41 Printer's measure
42 Wild hogs
44 Monk
47 Large, flightless bird of New Zealand; extinct
48 Half
49 Servant in a king's household. (I Sam. 8 : 13)
51 Fruiting spike of a cereal. (Ex. 34 : 21)
52 Profound reverence. (Ps. 4 : 4)
54 Blackbird
55 Acid
57 A son or daughter (Tagalog)
58 "An Israelite indeed." (John 1 : 47)
59 Tree

VERTICAL — No. 2

1 Esther
2 Good King of Judah
3. Son of Japheth
5 Hallowed
6 Some
7 Continent
8 City of Canaan—given to Asher. (Josh. 19 : 30)
9 Moses cast it on the ground and it became a serpent
10 Sacred symbol worn by priests. (Ex. 28 : 30)
11 Large body of water
16 Plants which produce no seeds
18 Birds
20 Insect.
21 Well in Canaan, where Gideon's army camped. (Judges 7 : 1)
23 Father of Rizpah, Saul's concubine. (II Sam. 3 : 7)
24 Necessities. (Luke 11 : 8)
25 Medium
26 Priest who gave David hallowed bread. (I Sam. 21 : 1)
29 Abraham's father. (Luke 3 : 34)
31 Declare in a positive manner
33 Receptacle
35 Sick man who was healed by Christ
38 Capital of Italy
40 Ancestor of David—seven generations back. (Ruth 4 : 19)
43 Main trunk of the arterial system
45 Greek goddess for whom Demetrius made silver shrines
46 Scene of a marriage and a miracle
48 Fruit of a tree which grows in the Holy Land
49 Public edict
50 Set of implements
51 Epoch
53 Existed
56 One



"Train up a child in the way he should go and when is old, he will not depart from it" Prov. 22:6

Our Sunday School Class is going great guns. (bang, bang!!!!) We start off with a prayer. Then we quote a verse from the Bible. From this we explain what the verse is trying to say. We then ask the children to give their own interpetation of the verse. In doing this they draw or create some sort of drawing or make something explaining their interpetation of the verse.

This way they learn to express their own ideas and learn the teaching of Jesus Christ and accepting him as their personal Savior.

This is only the beginning,as time goes on we will be able to have more children and be able to break down into age groups and will then coordinate the sunday school with age groups. We are accepting the children from Kindergarten to Six Grade levels.

So you MCC members & Friends,bring your children to our MCC Sunday School!!!!!!!!!
(When you do bring your child, remember to register your child)
Also we do need several materials, such as scissors, clay etc.

"And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name,receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me,but him that sent me." Mark 9:36-37.